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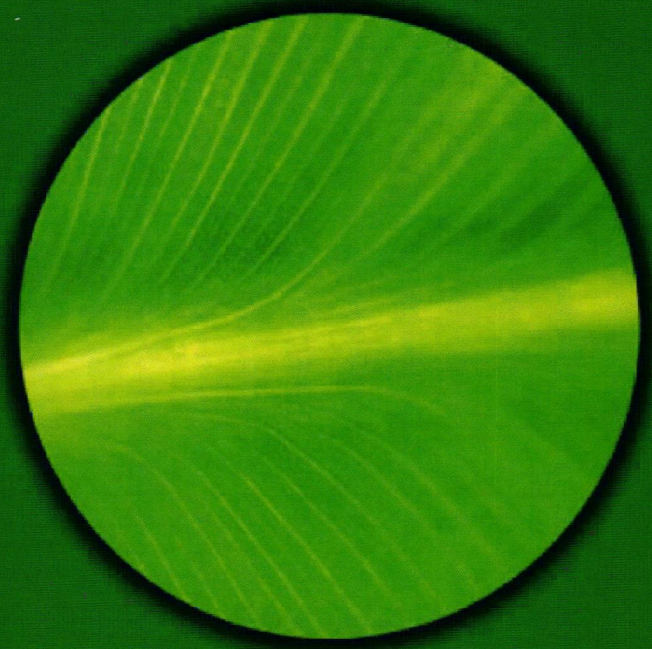
The Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Celebrates 50 Years

Las Vegas has a reputation for attracting unconventional, strongly independent individuals, and over the years those architects and design professionals who have chosen Las Vegas as their home...exhibit these attributes, so it is something of a miracle that in 1956 a handful of maverick-type architects joined together to establish the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It is even more amazing that today, 50 years later, the Chapter is still a vital entity in the community with over 500 architects and design professionals who proudly proclaim membership in the organization.

The Las Vegas Chapter was founded on January 6th, 1956, and throughout 2006 AIA Las Vegas will celebrate 50 Years of Service to the Las Vegas community. A special 50th Anniversary symbol (as pictured on this cover) has been designed and produced to commemorate this milestone. It will be distributed to all current AIA Las Vegas members and to all those who join us throughout 2006.

Join us as we kick-off our year-long celebration at our membership meeting on January 18th. The meeting will be held at the Gold Coast Hotel, 2nd floor ballroom, and will begin with a reception at 5:30PM. (See inside for details of the meeting).



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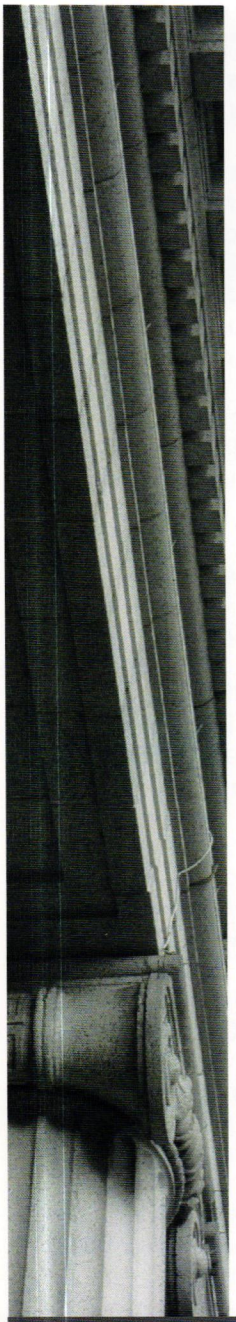

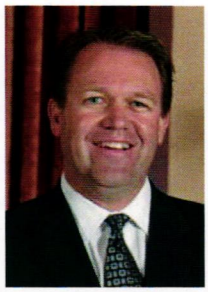

AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wade Simpson, AIA

"We've come a long way"

One year after our city turned 100 years old our chapter is now 50!

After a great Holiday Celebration at Trumpet's in December and a great time roasting Dr. Bob, we turn our focus to the birthday party of our chapter. 50 years of service will be celebrated at our January 18th meeting.

I have witnessed tremendous change and growth in our chapter. Although many others know first hand where we have come from, I remember my first AIA Las Vegas meeting. I was a guest of my father, J. William Simpson, AIA, for a lunch membership meeting at the Sahara golf course restaurant in the summer of 1977. It is there I remember meeting Dave Welles, George Tate and Fred Kennedy. Our growth from a membership meeting around a table at lunch to our 150-200 person meetings in larger venues is a result of our community's expansion.

Our chapter has seen growth not only in size but quality. Not to take away from the founding and early members of our chapter but as our community has matured so have the issues we discuss and debate.

This year we will have the opportunity to hear from many of our past presidents as they remind us of what our chapter was like in their day and we will have programs to look ahead to the next 50 years.

We should all look forward to a great year of Fellowship, Learning and Celebration.

Happy Birthday AIA Las Vegas!

2006 AIA LAS VEGAS BOARD SWORN IN AT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Our 2005 Holiday Event held in December turned out to be a fun-filled night that included the swearing in of the 2006 Board of Directors and a roast the out-going President, Bob Fielden, FAIA.

Thanks to all who generously donated toys, gifts and cash to Safe Nest. We are proud of our members who give so willingly to our community.

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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AIA Las Vegas Celebrates 50 Years!

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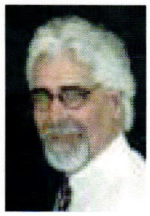

The featured guest speaker for this meeting is **R.K. Stewart, FAIA**, President-elect of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Stewart is Vice President of Gensler, San Francisco, CA and will serve as President of the Institute in 2007 when the organization celebrates its 150th anniversary. He is particularly pleased to be with us to begin our anniversary year and to discuss the plans for the Institute's sesquicentennial.

We would like for every single member of AIA to attend this meeting so make you plans to be there and receive your 50th Anniversary Membership pin.

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2006 ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Calendar of Events & Special Activities

Architecture Las Vegas – 2006 Anniversary Edition
Special articles that salute the Chapter's history and those architects who helped to build Las Vegas will be included in the April 2006 issue. This magazine will be in production from August 2005 until March 2006. Will publish in April of 2006.

AIA Las Vegas 50th Anniversary Directory & Resource Guide
This special edition of our annual directory and resource guide will provide a brief history of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter and will celebrate 50 years of service to the profession and the community. Published in cooperation with McGraw Hill, the book will be available to members during the first quarter of 2006.

Architecture Week
Officially designated with proclamation from Mayor Goodman & City Council members, as well as media alert and special events, exhibits, lectures and meetings to which the public are invited.

Public Relations
A media campaign is planned to inform the public about architects and architecture in Las Vegas, and will include articles in the local newspapers and business publications, as well as special radio programs on KNPR Radio.

aialasvegas.org Website
A special chapter history page and links to the various resources that support our history.

APA-THE ENGINEERED WOOD ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES UPCOMING ENGINEERED WOOD DESIGN SEMINAR

An Engineered Wood Design Seminar is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2006, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel at 3400 Paradise Road. Join APA-The Engineered Wood Association for a program including the latest on engineered wood products, designing for wind and earthquakes per U.S. codes and design practices, unique commercial case studies, new research, and an overview of industry resources. Forms for Continuing Education credits, including HSW will be provided. Attendees will earn 4 AIA HSW (health/safety/welfare) Learning Units.

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The Town of Mammoth Lakes (the "Town") is seeking statements of qualifications from development firms who may be selected to form a partnership in a mixed-use development project. The Town is identifying opportunity sites for development, and has selected the first site for a mixed-use infill project. The development site is located at the southeast corner of Old Mammoth Road and Tavern Road (see Figure 1). The project will consist of affordable housing units over a parking structure with street oriented retail. The Town is seeking a creative and capable commercial development team to partner both with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and its affiliated affordable housing developer, Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. to design and develop this project.

Please direct any questions to: -
Mark Wardlaw, Community Development Director, Town of Mammoth Lakes - 760.934.8989 x238 mwardlaw@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us
or Andrea Clark, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. 760.934.4740 aclark@qnet.com

RFQ RESPONSES ARE DUE BY: 5 P.M., Friday, January 13, 2006 (Electronic submittals are acceptable)

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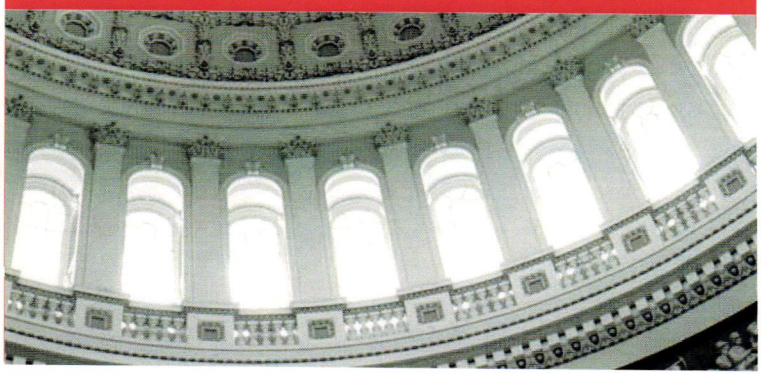
ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & CE OPPORTUNITIES

AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education – Lunchtime Learning Opportunities – In order to further assist our members to obtain their CE LU's we plan to schedule 2 Lunchtime learning events each month. In addition, all membership meetings, lectures and activities that qualify will be registered for C.E. credits.

Klai Juba Lecture Series at UNLV – We will continue to promote and support this lecture series so that AIA members can enjoy these special opportunities to meet these nationally known architects and receive C.E. credits as well.



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18 50th Anniversary Celebration – Membership Meeting
Gold Coast Hotel – All Members Asked to make a special effort to attend. Special acknowledgement of Past Presidents – 50th Birthday Cake and All members will get their 50th Anniversary Pin. Special guest speaker, R.K. Stewart, FAIA, President-elect, American Institute of Architects.

FEBRUARY

8 – 12 Grassroots Legislative & Leadership Conference - Washington, DC

15 Back Stage Pass Project Tour Membership Meeting –Currently working to secure tour of "KA" Theatre....or perhaps the Regional Justice Center, Lied Regional Animal Campus, or "O" Theatre;

MARCH

15 "It's Not Easy Being Green" Membership Meeting a special meeting held in collaboration with USGBC and our COTE Committee with the focus on the "emerging (green) professionals", and providing ARE classes and support for licensure. The special guest speaker for this meeting will address sustainable design. The timing of this meeting will coincide with St. Patrick's Day also, and will provide additional cause for celebration.

APRIL

14-21 Architecture Week - Special events, exhibits, lectures and meetings to which the public is invited and will include the following:

Art by Architects – A special exhibit of sketches, paintings, sculpture, photography and all kinds of artwork specifically by Las Vegas architects.

Publication Celebration for the 2006 Anniversary issue of Architecture Las Vegas

Special Art/Architecture program for "middle school" students....with their work on display in the local malls.

CEFPI School Building Week activities

AIA High School Design Awards Membership Meeting – This meeting will be held in conjunction with CEFPI and will be the highlight our own Architecture Week All past recipients of awards will be invited to attend.

The Power of Promise – Exhibit of Student's work from UNLV School of Architecture

28 Spring Putting Tournament at Angel Park

MAY

17 BIM with Tom Mayne (TBD) Membership Meeting – a meeting that focuses on the newest technology and methods of project delivery.

22 33rd Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament - Spanish Trail

JUNE

8-12 AIA 2006 National Convention in Los Angeles

21 Affordable Housing Conference Membership Meeting

JULY

Elections to the Board for 2007

Call for Entries to The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design & Distinguished Service Awards -hosted by AIA Northern Nevada in Reno

19-23 CACE Conference in Madison, Wisconsin

AUGUST

8 AIA Las Vegas Board Planning Retreat

SEPTEMBER

8 Fall Putting Tournament at Angel Park

13 Project Tour of the UNLV Student Union, Phase I – Membership Meeting

20-23 Western Mountain Region Conference – Jackson Hole, WY

OCTOBER

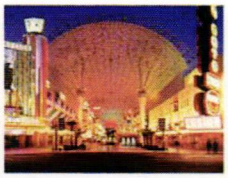
4 AIA Las Vegas "What's New" Product Show – Stardust Pavilion

NOVEMBER

15 Frank Gehry - The Alzheimer Center in Las Vegas – Membership Meeting

DECEMBER

13 50th Anniversary Holiday Celebration & Prep for 2007 AIA National 150 Anniversary Year



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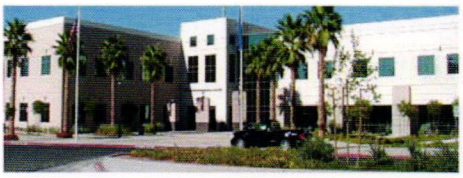

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2005 AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S AWARD WINNERS

Shelly Hayden, AIA
Mark Hobaica, AIA
Robin Stark, Assoc. AIA

Every year at the AIA Las Vegas Holiday Event held in December, the outgoing President presents an award to the member who has made the greatest contribution to the organization and its members.

2005 AIA Las Vegas President, Bob Fielden, FAIA, announced at the event that since it was his third time serving as President, he was going to take advantage and present three members with the award.

Shelly Hayden, AIA
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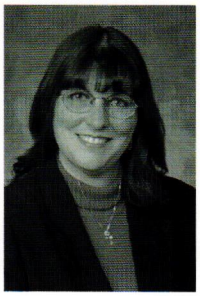
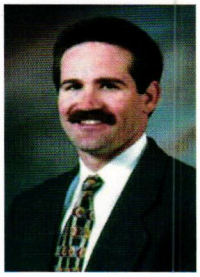


Shelly was recognized for her work as the Silent Auction Chair and her efforts to raise money for our Scholarship Endorsement Fund.

Mark Hobaica, AIA
City of Henderson



In recognition of Mark's work to upgrade the profession and to assist the State Board of Architecture in making Continuing Education a requirement for licensure in the State of Nevada.

Robin Stark, Assoc. AIA
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects

In recognition of Robin's exceptional work during the convention in co-chairing two of the biggest events, and arranging tours that were a major income source for our Chapter.

Congratulations to Shelly, Mark and Robin and a deep felt "thank you" from all AIA Las Vegas Members who benefit from their efforts.

AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Larry Macias, AIA

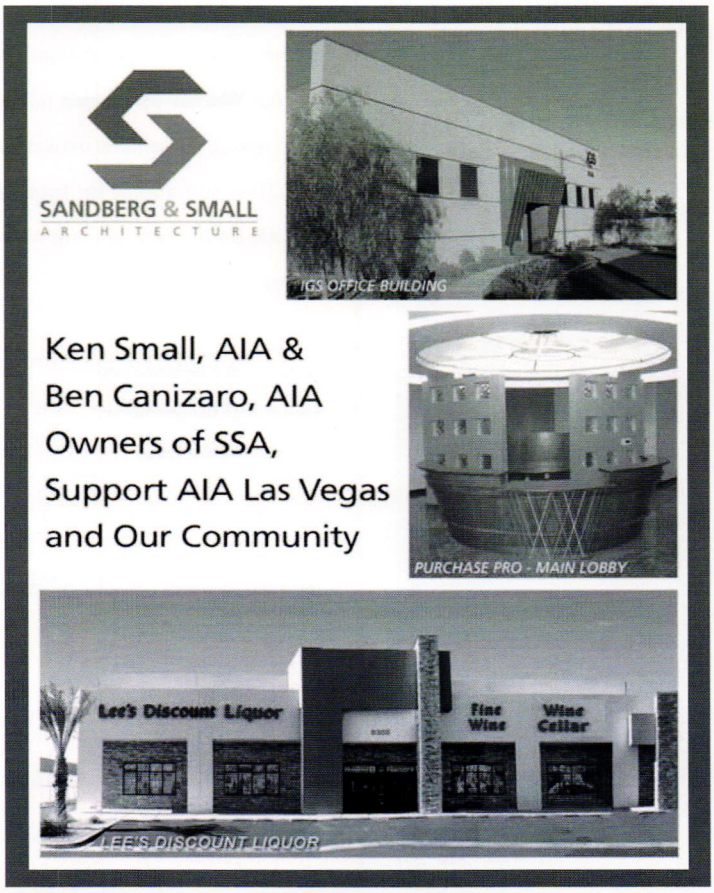
I would like to thank the members of AIA Las Vegas for the warm welcome extended to my wife Imelda and myself at the Christmas party. What a wonderful event, companionship, and done with the typical Las Vegas flare. What a tremendous effort by Randy, her staff and the entire Las Vegas AIA Chapter making this event an overwhelming success. We particularly enjoyed the roast of Robert Fielden, FAIA, as he moves to the Past President position on the Las Vegas board. I personally would like to take this opportunity to say "Well-Done" to Dale Scheideman, AIA, and last years AIA Nevada Executive Board members.

This year as always our schedules fill up quickly. As a carry over from last year's board we continue to work closely with the State Public Works Board regarding errors and omissions. Early February the Executive Board, AIA LV and AIANN will be sending representatives to the Grassroots Convention in Washington, DC. Additionally, we continue working with the State Board regarding Continuing Education Requirements for Licensure.

Some issues on the horizon that are in the planning stages are the AIA 150 celebrating the 150th year of the AIA, the Western Mountain Regional conference for 2006 at Jackson Hole WY and the 2007 event planned for Lake Tahoe. Though these events are a ways off, they are important to our membership and require a considerable amount of effort to plan and execute. I hope the various boards can count on your continued support to make these events a success and a worthwhile experience for our members and supporters.

I am looking forward working with Wade Simpson, AIA President of the Las Vegas Board and Ric Licata, AIA President from Northern Nevada, together with your continued support and input we should have another successful year.

Wishing all a very healthy, safe and enjoyable New Year.



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Celebrating the Chapter's 50th Anniversary

The 2006 edition of our Architecture Las Vegas magazine is in the works and will be published on April 1, 2006. This edition will be carried nationally in Borders and Barnes & Nobel, sent to over 10,000 of the largest AIA firms in the country, as well as to 1,500 CEO's in the Las Vegas area. Not to mention all 500 AIA Las Vegas members! We hope that members will consider advertising in Architecture Las Vegas when deciding thier marketing plan for 2006.

Congratulations are in order for the Chapter on turing 50 and if you'd like to show your support and help us celebrate our 50th year, ad space is available, but selling out fast. Don't miss your chance on being a part of this important issue. Media kits, requirements and due dates will be happily provided by contacting Debi Raffi, Associate Publisher, at 702.895.0936 or draffi@aianevada.org.

BRIEFS

Wright Engineers recently broke ground on a new building to accommodate their expanding civil engineering department and surveying division.

The new 16,000 square-foot facility will be located next door to their existing building, which will continue to house their structural and MEP engineering departments.

"The Las Vegas construction market has been unbelievable and we have been fortunate as a company to ride the wave of this phenomenal growth," says Brent Wright, President and CEO of Wright Engineers. "This additional office will help us to better serve our clients and accommodate our continued growth."

ON THE BOARDS

Special Section of Architecture Las Vegas

The 2006 edition of Architecture Las Vegas will include a new section entitled "On the Boards". Projects that are scheduled for completion in mid-to-late 2006 and beyond and are currently in the initial stages of planning, design and construction will be considered for inclusion in this special section of the magazine. If your firm has such projects and would like to be considered for inclusion in this section of the April 2006 edition of Architecture Las Vegas, forward project image (rendering or computer generated) along with descriptive information to rlavigne@aianevada.org or draffi@aianevada.org as soon as possible.

Project information must include the following: Project name, Architect and lead designer, Client, Builder, Location, Objective, Special attributes (sustainability, LEED criteria, unique features), Size, Estimated completion date.

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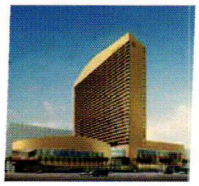

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Architect Registration Exam study materials are available in the UNLV Architecture Studies Library. The library has both the David Kent Ballast guide titled Architecture exam review : solved problems : multiple-choice divisions published in 2005 by Professional Publications and the series published by Kaplan AEC Education.

There are several Kaplan study guides, including guides on construction documents & services; architectural history; building planning; building technology; lateral forces; general structures; pre-design; site planning; building design:materials & methods; and mechanical & electrical systems. A list of Kaplan titles and call numbers is available at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/featuredbook.html

Library hours: regular library hours begin for the spring semester on Jan. 17. Go to http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/archdesc.html#hours for library hours.

AIA Design Award Competition exhibit: the exhibit will be up in the library starting in early February. Between now and February, the library is exhibiting "best of jury" student work.

KLAI JUBA LECTURE SERIES

The next lectures in this year's Klai Juba series held at the UNLV School of Architecture will be as follows:

January 25th, 2006
Andrea Kahn
"Unbound Sites"
Author, Critic, Associate Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at Columbia University and has lectured widely in the U.S., Europe and Australia. Reception begins at 6:30 with Lecture at 7:00 PM.

Please mark it in your calendars if you are interested in attending. More news regarding the lecture series will follow.

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2006 LUNCHTIME LEARNING

Get your AIA C.E. Credits by attending these luncheons throughout the year.

January 26, 2006 at 11:30am
Wayne Elias and Jeff Bruce of KONE, Inc. will present "Elevator Technology." The luncheon will be held at Green Valley Ranch - 2300 Paseo Verde, at 215 & Green Valley Parkway.

February 23, 2006
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March 23 or 30, 2006
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Washington, DC

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15 Membership Meeting - "It's Not Easy Being Green"

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